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Timothy Henry O'Sullivan, b. Ireland, 1840, d. Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 14, 1882, combined a talent for clear record making with a personal artistic vision to become one of the finest photographers of the American Civil War and of the expanding western frontier. After leaving Mathew BRADY's employ in 1863, he worked for Alexander GARDNER, contributing many of the photographs that appeared in Gardner's Photographic Sketchbook of the War (1865). Thereafter, as official photographer on three major government expeditions, he accompanied (1867-69) Clarence King's Fortieth Parallel Survey from Nevada to Colorado, photographed (1870) for the U.S. Darien Expedition as it searched for canal routes across Panama, and assisted (1871, 1873-74) Lt. George M. Wheeler's Survey West of the 100th Meridian.

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